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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SAUDI MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER

REF: A) STATE 7699, B) USREP 100, D) ISW 88

1. SAUDI MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND WATER DR. AL SHEIKH WILL ARRIVE
DULLES ON JANUARY 23 AT 1210 P.M. VIA CONCORDE FLIGHT 579 FROM LONDON

MINISTER HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MEETING USG OFFICIALS BUT PREFERS
TO ARRANGE FINAL SCHEDULE AFTER ARRIVAL. SCHEDULE WILL BE COORDINATED
THROUGH DEPUTY MINISTER DR. MANSOUR ABA HUSSEIN WHO WILL ARRIVE
EVENING JANUARY 22. HE CAN BE CONTACTED AT L'ENFANT PLAZA HOTEL
WHERE THE MINISTER'S PARTY WILL BE STAYING OR THROUGH DR. ALICE
HAEMMERLI AT CHASE WORLD CONFERENCE.

2. MINISTRY STATES THAT DR. AL-SHEIKH INTENDS TO ATTEND MOST EVENTS
ON THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE WHICH COVER JANUARY 24 AND 25. FOLLOWING
CLOSE OF CONFERENCE HE TENTATIVELY PLANS TO TRAVEL TO SOUTH CAROLINA
AT THE INVITATION OF STATE OF S.C., RETURNING TO WASHINGTON
ON EVENING OF JANUARY 26. MINISTER'S ONGOING SCHEDULE NOT
KNOWN.

3. SAUDI ARABIA PORTION OF CONFERENCE PROGRAM ON JANUARY 25,
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8:45 - 10:25 A.M. FOLLOWED BY SESSION ON ARAB AUTHORITY FOR
AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT 10:25-12:10. THIS IS
LIKELY TO BE BEST FLEXIBLE PORTION OF MINISTER'S SCHEDULE. THE
MINISTRY HAS INDICATED THAT 3:30 - 5:00 P.M. SLOT ON JANUARY 24
SHOULD BE FREE FOR SECRETARY ANDRUS AND SECRETARY BERGLAND. (SEE REFB
)
THE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 23 AND PERIOD AFTER JANUARY 26 MAY ALSO

BE OPEN.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: CONTACT STATE SENATOR JAMES M. WADDELL
WHO IS COORDINATING SOUTH CAROLINA VISIT TO CONFIRM ARRANGE-
MENTS AND ASSIST WITH ONGOING PORTION OF MINISTER'S SCHEDULE.
TEL: 803-524-5053, 524-2023.
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